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Office Action Summary

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BYRISETTY ET AL.

Examiner

Paul H Kang

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 August 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10, 12-21, 23-25 and 27-29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 1-10, 12-21, 23-25 and 27-29 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

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1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) do not apply to the examination of this application as the application being examined was not (1) filed on or after November 29, 2000, or (2) voluntarily published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b). Therefore, this application is examined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

2. Claims 20 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Larson et al., US Pat. No. 5,907,324.

3. As to claims 20 and 25, Larson teaches a client computer and a computer readable medium comprising:

a processor, a computer-readable medium, and

a computer program (Larson, col. 4, line 60 – col. 6, line 19) executed by the processor from the medium to query a first server (col. 9, lines 10-47), disposed to manage data of a first type including a server list, to obtain the server list maintained by the first server and a list of users maintained by the first server (col. 9, lines 10 – col. 10, line 60; list of conferences and users, as well as other conference characteristics, are obtained through the Browser 82) and to

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query each server on the server list to learn of at least one conference maintained by each server on the server list (col. 9, lines 58 – col. 10, line 60; the Planner and Persistent Conference Manager allow the user to link to the specific conference to obtain further details about the conference).

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 1 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Larson et al., as applied to claims 20 and 25 above, in view of DeSimone et al., US Pat. No. 6,138,144.

6. As to claims 1 and 10, Larson teaches a client computer and a computer readable medium comprising a processor, a computer-readable medium, and a computer program (Larson, col. 4, line 60 – col. 6, line 19) executed by the processor from the medium to query a first server (col. 9, lines 10-47), disposed to manage data of a first type including a server list, to obtain the server list maintained by the first server and a list of users maintained by the first server (col. 9, lines 10 – col. 10, line 60; list of conferences and users, as well as other conference characteristics, are obtained through the Browser 82) and to query each server on the server list to learn of at least one conference maintained by each server on the server list (col. 9, lines 58 – col. 10, line 60; the Planner and Persistent Conference Manager allow the user to link to the specific conference to obtain further details about the conference).

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However, Larson does not explicitly teach two servers, a first type of server for maintaining a conference and a list of users and a second type of server to maintain a list of the first type of servers. In the same field of endeavor, DeSimone teaches maintaining a first type of servers disposed to manage data of a first type and a second type disposed to store a list of the first type (DeSimone, col. 3, line 55 – col. 4, line 21; col. 4, line 65 – col. 6, line 57 and col. 8, lines 25-60; DeSimone implements the use of a Directory Server and a MARS server). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have incorporated multiple server conference tracking as taught by DeSimone into the conferencing system of Larson for the purpose of enhancing network efficiency.

7. Claims 2-4, 7, 15, 17, 21 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Larson-DeSimone in view of Meubus et al., US Pat. No. 6,185,565.

8. As to claims 4, Larson-DeSimone teach the invention substantially as claimed. However, Larson-DeSimone does not explicitly teach the use of an internet locator service (ILS) type of server. In the same field of endeavor, Meubus teaches the use of an ILS server (Meubus, col. 8, line 49 – col. 9, line 6). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have incorporated the ILS server as taught by Meubus into the system of Larson-DeSimone for the purpose of enhancing system efficiency by implementing a dynamic directory structure.

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9. As to claims 2, 3, 7, 15, 17, 21 and 27, Larson-DeSimone-Meubus teach maintaining a user list through use of conference objects having addresses and connection status (Larson, col. 1, line 65 – col. 2, line 67 and DeSimone, col. 4, line 65 – col. 6, line 57).

10. Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Larson-DeSimone-Meubus in view of Lister et al., US Pat. No. 6,167,446.

11. As to claim 5, Larson-DeSimone-Meubus teach the invention substantially as claimed. However, Larson-DeSimone-Meubus does not explicitly teach the use of a NT Directory Server (NTDS). In the same field of endeavor, Lister teaches the use of an NTDS (Lister, col. 9, line 62 – col. 10, line 23). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have incorporated the NTDS as taught by Lister into the system of Larson-DeSimone-Meubus for the purpose of implementing a widely known and used server into the network.

12. Claims 6, 8, 9, 12-14, 16, 18, 19, 23, 24, 28 and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Larson-DeSimone-Meubus-Lister in view of Kumar, US Pat. No. 6,163,531.

13. As to claim 9, Larson-DeSimone-Meubus-Lister teach the invention substantially as claimed. However, Larson-DeSimone-Meubus-Lister does not explicitly teach the use of Session Description Protocol (SDP). In the same field of endeavor, Kumar teaches the implementation of

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SDP in a distributed conferencing system (Kumar, col. 5, line 26 – col. 6, line 67). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have incorporated the SDP as taught by Kumar into the conferencing system of Larson-DeSimone-Meubus-Lister for the purpose of efficient management of conferencing properties and information.

14. As to claim 19, Larson-DeSimone-Meubus-Lister-Kumar discloses the use of ILS and NTDS (DeSimone, col. 7, line 36 – col. 8, line 60 and Lister, col. 9, line 62 – col. 10, line 23)

15. As to claims 6, 8, 23, 24 and 28, Larson-DeSimone-Meubus-Lister-Kumar teaches security features for authenticating users (DeSimone, col. 7, line 13-49).

16. As to claims 12-14, 16 and 18, Larson-DeSimone-Meubus-Lister-Kumar teaches setting up a conference, determining participation of conference, querying and updating conference profiles (DeSimone, col. 3, line 55 – col. 4, line 21 and col. 4, line 65 – col. 6, line 57).

17. As to claim 29, Larson-DeSimone-Meubus-Lister-Kumar teach a system wherein data of the first type is dynamic and second type is static (DeSimone, col. 3, line 55 – col. 4, line 21 and col. 4, line 65 – col. 6, line 57).

18. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-29 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection. The Applicant argued in substance that the Chu reference

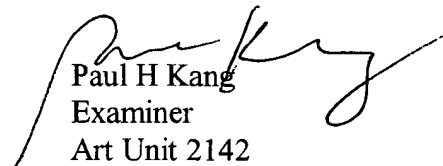
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is disqualified under 35 USC § 103(c). The rejection based on Chu has been withdrawn and a new grounds of rejection applied to the pending claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paul H Kang whose telephone number is (703) 308-6123. The examiner can normally be reached on 9 hour flex. First Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark Rinehart can be reached on (703) 305-4815. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 746-7239 for regular communications and (703) 746-7238 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.


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Examiner
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